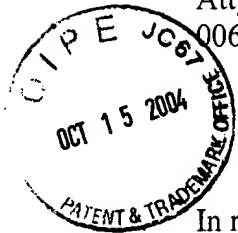


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Ronald BARCHI ET AL.

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Group Art Unit: 2175

Filed: August 1, 2001

Title: ATTRIBUTE RULE ENFORCER  
FOR A DIRECTORY

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed) with regard to the above-identified patent application. The Notice of Abandonment states that the application has been abandoned due to "Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 09 February 2004." Applicants respectfully submit that this Notice was issued in error, and courteously ask for its reconsideration.

In fact, on May 10, 2004, the undersigned timely filed a Request for Reconsideration in response to the Office Action of February 9, 2004, by Express Mail. Applicant therefore asks that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that the Examiner enter and consider the Request filed on May 10, 2004.

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Copies of the following documents are enclosed in support of this Request for  
Withdrawal of Abandonment:

- 1) Request for Reconsideration, which includes a Certificate of Mailing by  
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- 2) Copy of Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Label No. EV410136193US  
showing receipt of deposit on May 10, 2004 by the United States Post Office; and
- 3) Copy of our return postcard which was stamped by the Office of Initial Patent  
Examination on May 10, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment of this  
application be withdrawn.

It is believed that no fees are required for the consideration of this Request for  
Withdrawal of Abandonment. If, however, the Commissioner believes fees are required,  
he is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 09 February 2004.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.  
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
  - (c) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
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  - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
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7. ☐ The reason(s) below:

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Filed: August 1, 2001

For: **ATTRIBUTE RULE ENFORCER FOR A DIRECTORY**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully ask for reconsideration of both this application and the Office Action dated February 9, 2004.

In that Office Action, claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,609,121 to Ambrosini et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and courteously ask for its reconsideration. Claims 1-13 recite a method of processing calls to a directory that

includes evaluating a call according to one or more rules governing data that may be included in the directory. Claims 14-26 are then directed to a rule attribute enforcer. As recited in these claims, the rule attribute enforcer include a rule validator for determining if attributes in a call to a directory comply with rules governing data that may be included in the directory, and a transaction monitor that diverts intercepted calls to the rule validator that include a request to add data to the directory, a request to modify data in the directory, or a request to delete data from the directory, and forwards intercepted calls to the directory that do not include a request to add data to the directory, a request to modify data in the directory, or a request to delete data from the directory. Applicants respectfully submit that the Ambrosini et al. patent does not teach or suggest these features of the invention.

Instead, the Ambrosini et al. patent is directed to a technique for mapping an LDAP directory interface to a Directory Assistance system. Accordingly, the portions of the Ambrosini et al. patent relied upon by the Examiner to support the outstanding rejection describe how search arguments compatible with one interface are converted to search arguments compatible with the other interface. This description does not, however, teach or suggest the use of rules that govern the data that actually can be inserted into a directory. Further, nothing in the Ambrosini et al. patent would particularly anticipate the features of claims 14-26. For example, nothing in the Ambrosini et al. patent would teach or suggest a transaction monitor that selectively diverts intercepted calls that include a request to add data to the directory, a request to modify data in the directory, or a request to delete data from the directory.

Accordingly, Applicants again submit that the Ambrosini et al. patent would not teach or

suggest the features of the invention recited in claims 1-26. It is therefore requested that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

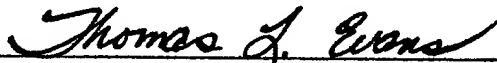
It is believed that no fees are due for the submission of this Response. If, however, the Commissioner deems that such fees are necessary, or that any other fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are allowable, and that this application is therefore in condition for allowance. Favorable action in this regard is courteously requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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